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### **Out and About**

Writer **Joseph Persico**, who wrote "The Imperial Rockefeller" and "Edward R. Murrow: An American Original," to be published this fall, has signed with Viking Books to write the biography of the late CIA director **William Casey**. A friend of Casey's, Persico will have the family's cooperation and access to Casey's papers. The book reportedly will cover all of Casey's life but will focus especially on his leadership of the CIA. "What he did at the CIA dwarfed the performance of any of his predecessors," Persico says. "Casey's CIA in certain areas was far more of a force in the making of Reagan foreign policy than the more likely departments of State and Defense." The yet-untitled book is scheduled for publication in the fall of 1990 . . .